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METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
FRESNO DIVISION

METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, a New York corporation,

Plaintiff,

v.

ACDF, LLC, a California limited liability  
company, as successor by merger to 104  
PARTNERS, LLC; WILLOW AVENUE  
INVESTMENTS, LLC, a California limited  
liability company; ASHLAN & HAYES  
INVESTMENTS, LLC, a California limited  
liability company; GRANTOR FRESNO  
CLOVIS INVESTMENTS, LLC, a California  
limited liability company; MARICOPA  
ORCHARDS, LLC, a California limited liability  
company; FARID ASSEMI, an individual;  
FARSHID ASSEMI, an individual; DARIUS  
ASSEMI, an individual; and DOES 1 through  
100, inclusive,  
Defendants.

Case No. 1:24-cv-01261-HBK

**PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF RELATED  
CASES**

Date Action Filed: October 16, 2024

Pursuant to the requirements of Local Rule 123, Plaintiff METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY ("Plaintiff") hereby notifies the Court of the following possibly related cases:

1. *The Prudential Insurance Company of America et al. v. ACDF, LLC*, Case No. 1:24-cv-01102-KES-SAB, filed September 16, 2024, assigned to Judge Kirk E. Sheriff and Magistrate Judge Stanley A. Boone;
2. *U.S. Bank National Association v. Touchstone Pistachio Company, LLC*, et al., Case No. 1:24-cv-01105-SKO, filed September 17, 2024, assigned to Judge Kirk E. Sheriff and Magistrate Judge Sheila K. Oberto;
3. *Metropolitan Life Insurance Company v. FNF Farms, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 1:24-cv-01226-BAM, assigned to Magistrate Judge Barbara A. McAuliffe;
4. *Metropolitan Life Insurance Company v. C & A Farms, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 1:24-cv-01230-SAB, assigned to Magistrate Judge Stanley A. Boone;
5. *Metropolitan Life Insurance Company v. Maricopa Orchards, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 1:24-cv-01231-CDB, assigned to Magistrate Judge Christopher D. Baker;
6. *Brighthouse Life Insurance Company v. Kamm South, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 1:24-cv-01232-KES-BAM, assigned to Judge Kirk E. Sheriff and Magistrate Judge Barbara A. McAuliffe;
7. *Brighthouse Life Insurance Company v. Manning Avenue Pistachios, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 1:24-cv-01233-KES-EPG, assigned to Judge Kirk E. Sheriff and Magistrate Judge Erica P. Grosjean;
8. *Brighthouse Life Insurance Company v. C & A Farms, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 1:24-cv-01235-KES-HBK, assigned to Judge Kirk E. Sheriff and Magistrate Judge and Magistrate Judge Helena M. Barch-Kuchta; and
9. *MetLife Real Estate Lending, LLC v. Panoche Pistachios, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 1:24-cv-01241-KES-CDB, assigned to Judge Kirk E. Sheriff and Magistrate Judge Christopher D. Baker;

1 The following parties are named defendants in two or more complaints listed above:  
2 ACDF, LLC; Touchstone Pistachio Company, LLC; Maricopa Orchards, LLC; C & A Farms,  
3 LLC; Panoche Pistachios, LLC; Manning Avenue Pistachios, LLC; Cantua Orchards, LLC; Farid  
4 Assemi; Farshid Assemi; Darius Assemi; and Sonia Rosemary Assemi.

5 The actions appear to involve similar claims and similar questions of facts and law. The  
6 actions involve creditors of an integrated farming business. Plaintiffs in each of the actions have  
7 sought or will seek the appointment of receivers.

8 The *Prudential* and *U.S. Bank* cases have been deemed related and assigned to the  
9 Honorable Judge Kirk E. Sheriff. As a result of the above, Plaintiff requests that this action and  
10 the other actions referenced above filed by Plaintiff and its affiliated entities be assigned to the  
11 Honorable Kirk E. Sheriff.

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